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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER, 1950.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this notice relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

The following table shows particulars of males, females and persons in employment in the months of November, 1949 and September, October and November, 1950.

NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(Excluding Rural Industry and Female Private Domestic Service)
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Particulars	November, 1949	September, 1950	October, 1950 (a)	November, 1950 (a)
Males ...	1,811.0	1,868.1	1,843.3	1,864.3
Females ...	677.4	695.8	700.3	708.1
Persons ...	2,488.4	2,563.9	2,543.6	2,572.4

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

The main change in employment in industrial groups during November, 1950 was an increase of 11,100 (Males, 10,400, females, 700) in the Transport and Communication group, resulting from the settlement of the industrial dispute on the South Australian Railways and partial resumption of work on the Victorian Railways.

Persons employed in Commerce increased by 9,000 (mainly owing to a seasonal upward movement in employment in Retail Trade). Factory employment increased by 4,900 persons, Building and Construction by 2,200 and other groups by 1,600.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES

The increase of 4,900 persons employed in factories during November, 1950, comprised 3,000 males and 1,900 females.

The increase in male employees occurred in the following groups:- Food, Drink and Tobacco (800), Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. (700), Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc. (400), Chemicals, Oils, Paints, etc. (300), Sawmilling and Woodworking (200) and other groups (600).

The increase in female employees occurred mainly in the manufacture of Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. (800) and Textiles (300), with smaller increases in other groups.

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, air transport, education, police, public works, migration, etc., and in administration increased by 14,000 during November to a total of 650,200. There was an increase of 1,400 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and, consequent on the partial resumption of work mentioned above, an increase of 12,600 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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